

CLAIM OF MICHAEL PAPPRENITZA, AN AUSTRIAN  
SUBJECT.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

IN REFERENCE TO

*The claim of Michael Papprenitza, an Austrian subject.*

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JANUARY 4, 1858.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December 26, 1857.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of a letter, with accompaniments, addressed by me to-day to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in relation to the claim of Michael Papprenitza, an Austrian subject, for losses alleged to have been sustained by him at New Orleans in 1851.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. J. L. ORR,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December 26, 1857.*

SIR: Referring to the communication of this department of the 3d of January last, addressed to the Hon. A. C. M. Pennington, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the subject of the claim of Michael Papprenitza, an Austrian subject, for losses alleged to have been sustained by him during the popular outbreak at New Orleans in 1851, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a note on the subject, addressed to this department on the 8th instant by the Aus-

trian minister, and to repeat the suggestion that provision may be made for the prompt payment of the claim in question.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. T. L. CLINGMAN,

*Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
House of Representatives.*

AUSTRIAN LEGATION,

*Washington, December 8, 1857.*

SIR: I beg leave to call your attention to the claim of Michael Papprenitza, and more especially to the note which you did me the honor to address to me on the 26th March last, and in which you were pleased to say: "No time shall, however, be lost in inviting the attention of Congress to the matter at its next session, and nothing within the competency of this department shall be omitted towards obtaining a speedy and favorable decision on the part of that body."

As the claim of Michael Papprenitza has been admitted by the Committees of Foreign Affairs of both Houses of Congress, bills or amendments to bills in favor of it have since passed the Senate, and the amount—two hundred dollars—is so very small, I hope that you will be so good as to make, as soon as may suit your convenience, the necessary communications to Congress, for the purpose of procuring, after a delay of six years, the small sum which Michael Papprenitza claims as an indemnity for the destruction of his property on the 21st and 22d August, 1851, and which has been paid long ago to several parties who were in the very same situation with him, except that he was an Austrian subject and they were Spanish subjects.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to you, sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

HÜLSEMANN.

Hon. LEWIS CASS,

*Secretary of State of the United States.*